

Chem 431A-Lecture 5 10/1/07

admin:

- (1) sign attendance sheet.
- (2) remind Quiz#2 Wed,
on chapt 1(thermo and genetics, chapt2 acid
base)

Last time:

We reviewed acids and bases.

We started bioenergetic intro

Lecture:

2nd law of thermodynamics:

$$\Delta S_{\text{universe}} \geq 0$$

3 aspects of entropy:

- a) energy
- b) matter
- c) information

Please read and be able to explain and give examples for the above (see page 24, the box 1-3)

Here it is convenient to introduce the Gibb's Free energy, G:

For an isothermal (constant T) system,
 $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$.

ΔG is useful "chemical work" that a system can do as a result of the process.

ΔH would represent the "heat content"
 $T\Delta S$ represents the "mandatory change in entropy" as a system changes during a process.

It can be shown that for a reaction to be spontaneous, $\Delta G < 0$ (negative). If it is negative, the system is not only spont., it also can do work (like make a muscle move or a cell grow, or protein be synthesized).

This work is measured in energy units (J or cal) and the maximum possible work is equal to ΔG .

In summary, we can write for $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$:

| ΔH | ΔS | Low T | High T |
|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| + | + | $\Delta G > 0$, not fav. | $\Delta G < 0$, favored |
| + | - | $\Delta G > 0$, not fav. | $\Delta G > 0$, not fav. |
| - | + | $\Delta G < 0$, favored | $\Delta G < 0$, favored |
| - | - | $\Delta G < 0$, favored | $\Delta G > 0$, not fav |

How do we calculate ΔG ? we can calculate in many different ways.

(a) $\Delta G = \Delta H - T\Delta S$

(b) $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$

(c) $\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}$

First, for a chemical A, in solution, the G is given by : $G_A = G_A^\circ + RT \ln [A]$

If it goes from A to B as in the rxn:

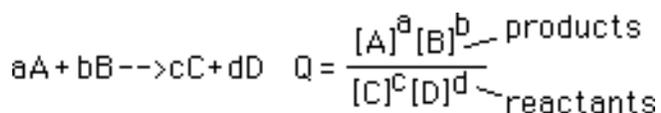


And ΔG for the above rxn as written is:

$$\Delta G = G_B - G_A = G_B^\circ - G_A^\circ + RT \ln ([B] / [A])$$

$$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$$

Where $Q = \text{reaction quotient} = \frac{[\text{products}]}{[\text{reactants}]}$



If $aA + bB \rightleftharpoons cC + dD \Rightarrow$ we can write: $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$

Where $Q = \text{reaction quotient} = \frac{[\text{prods}]}{[\text{rxts}]}$

$$; Q = \frac{[C]^c [D]^d}{[A]^a [B]^b}$$

If we are dealing with a transport process, where in a substance A goes from a compartment (1) thru a semipermeable membrane to compartment (2), we can write for the process $[A]_1 \rightarrow [A]_2$:

$$\Delta G = RT \ln ([A]_2 / [A]_1)$$

Chemical reactions are often well described by:

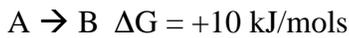
$\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln Q$ wherein $\Delta G = 0$ when system is at equilibrium.
 ($\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ + 2.303RT \log Q$)

Here, $Q = K_{eq}$ by def and we have $0 = \Delta G^\circ + RT \ln K_{eq}$ and $\Delta G^\circ = -RT \ln K_{eq}$

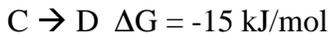
Or, also: $K_{eq} = \exp(-\Delta G^\circ / RT)$

Nonspontaneous reactions can be made spontaneous:

In biochemistry, we often have reactions which appear nonspontaneous.



But it can be spontaneous if coupled to a very exergonic reaction:



So we have:

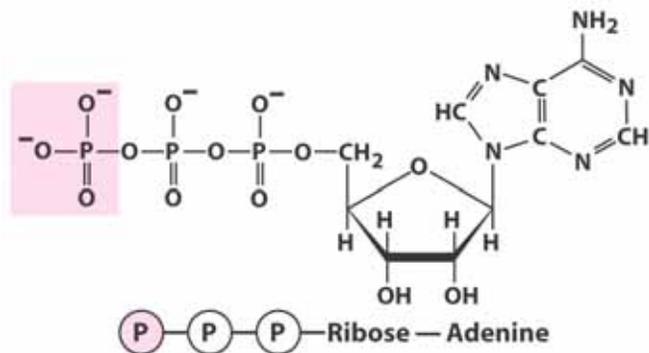
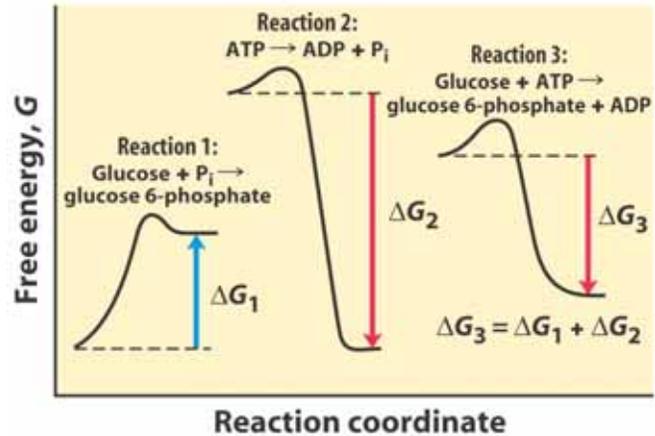


This is a convenient way to determine the ΔG° (by measuring K_{eq}). Recall that ΔG° is the standard free energy change for a reaction. It represents the value of ΔG° when the activities of products and reactants is unity. When all [reactants] & [products] = 1 M, then, $Q=1$ and $\Delta G = \Delta G^\circ$.

In biochemistry, we use $\Delta G'^\circ$ the prime (') signifies that the $[H^+]$ is not 1 M but instead that $pH = 7$. (biochemical reactions are very sensitive to pH and can't function at pH's too far from physiological pH.)

ALL organisms: The free energy released in redox reactions is conserved in the energy carrier molecule adenosine triphosphate (ATP).

(b) Chemical example



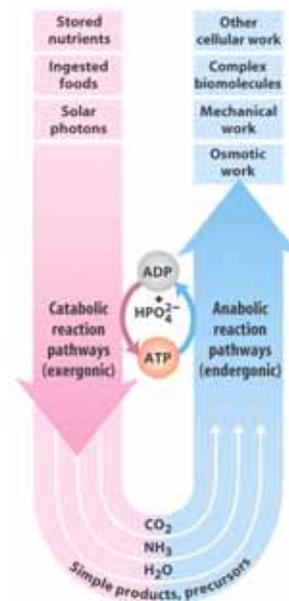
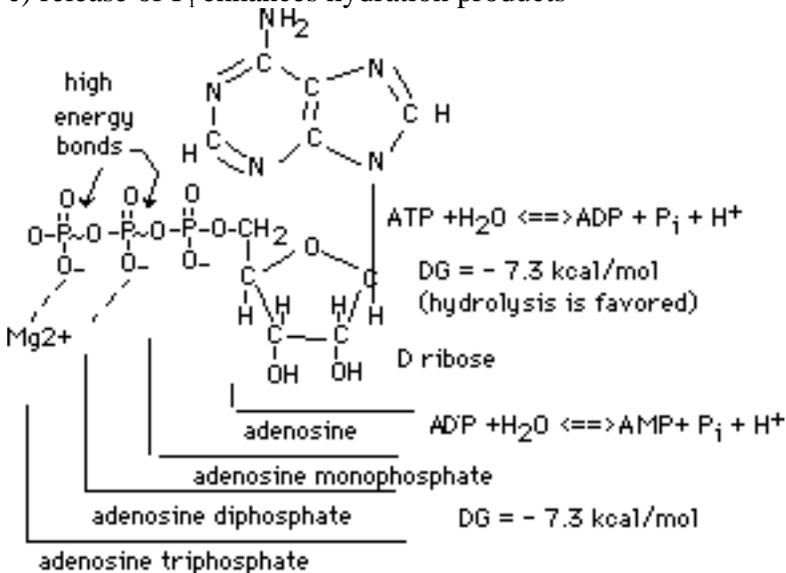
ATP can be hydrolyzed to yield a large amount of energy:



$$\Delta G^{\circ} = -7.3 \text{ kcal/mol}$$

Source of large $|\Delta G|$ for hydrolysis of ATP to ADP + P_i:

- relieves high charge concentration
- larger resonance (higher entropy) of P_i
- release of P_i enhances hydration products



other examples of high energy bonds:

| e.g. compound | ΔG° (kcal/mol) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| phosphoenol pyr (transf pot) | -14.8 (highest P) |
| 1,3 diphosphoglycerate | -11.8 |
| creatine phosphate | -9.8 |
| ATP (intermediate) | -7.3 |
| glucose-1-phosphate | -5.0 |
| glycerol phosphate (lowest PTP) | -2.2 |

these are examples of “high energy” compounds or intermediates

Role of enzymes is

- to speed up reactions (both ways!)
- to allow coupling of reactions.
- to promote metabolic pathways
- to allow regulation of pathways (eg feedback inhibition)

know diff between catabolism and anabolism

section: 1.4 genetic foundations

DNA is the basic genetic material

Linear sequences of DNA encode proteins with information on its amino acid sequences. These in turn are responsible for the unique 3-d native structures of the proteins.

The DNA is passed on during replication of the cell, almost without error. The unmutated are the “wild type” cells,

Errors are more often disadvantageous. Sometimes chance mutations are advantageous and allow for evolution to occur through *selectivity*.

DNA serves as a “historical” document of biological history.

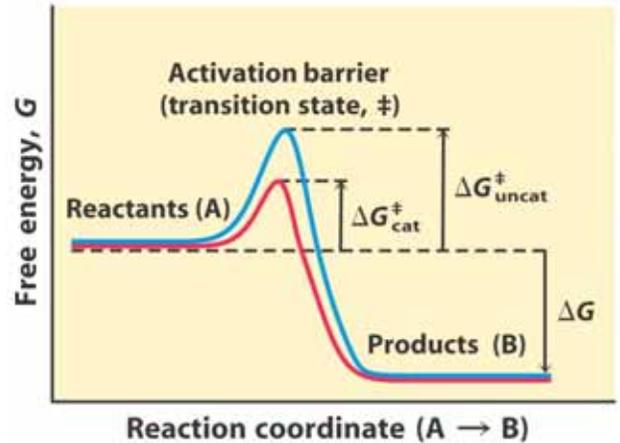
First chapter of evolution: chemical evolution

Oparin’s “primordial soup” hypothesis
Stanley Miller’s lab simulation of primordial soup: from $\text{NH}_3, \text{CH}_4, \text{H}_2\text{O}$ and $\text{H}_2 \Rightarrow$ amino acids, hydroxy acids, aldehydes, HCN.

Later: even RNA-like molescs and polypeptides (RNA molescs can act as catalysts)

“RNA World” Hypothesis: RNA was first gene and catalyst (thru self-replicating RNA)

Evolutionary relationships:



Carolus Linnaeus – classification of organisms by anatomic similarities

Charles Darwin – the origin of different species thru evolution

Biochemistry – the molecular anatomy of cells

Eg sequence of the *genome* (composed of all the *genes*)

Terms comparing genes:

Homologous genes = genes similar in sequence ; the proteins they encode =homologs

2 homologous genes in same species:
the species are “paralogous”
their protein products are *paralogs*

(probably due to gene duplication and these 2 genes diverge gradually from mutations)

2 homologous genes or proteins found in different species : orthologous, orthologs

the variation between homologous genes is a measure of the divergence of the species